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SUBJ: 1974-75 AFS CYPRIOT STUDENTS

RE: NICOSIA 3076

DEPT PASS AFS NEW YORK; ISTANBUL PASS LOCAL AFS

1. MR MUSTAFA TOSUN DEPARTED CYPRUS SEPT 17 VIA FERRYBOAT FOR MERSIN AND IS EXPECTED ARRIVE ISTANBUL MORNING SEPT 18. HE WILL CONTACT AFS THERE FOR ASSISTANCE ONWARD TRAVEL TO NEW YORK.

2. FOR AFS NEW YORK: AS REFUGEE MUSTAFA ARRIVING WITH MINIMAL CLOTHING AND MONEY, USIS NICOSIA STAFF MANAGED TO GET HIM A FEW THINGS BUT THEY ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO LAST WINTER. SUGGEST HIS HOST FAMILY BE ALERTED TO HIS PLIGHT AND ENCOURAGED TO HELP AS POSSIBLE.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: AS IS TRUE WITH MANY TURKISH CYPRIOTS, THERE IS SOME CONFUSION RE MUSTAFA'S SURNAME. HIS DSP-66 (PREPARED BY AFS NY) READS QUOTE MUSTAFA TOSUN UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, HIS CYPRIOT PASSPORT ISSUED IN NAME OF QUOTE MUSTAFA R. MEHMET UNQUOTE. WITHOUT GOING INTO CULTURAL/BUREAUCRATIC REASONS FOR THIS, SUFFICE IT TO CONFIRM THAT BOTH NAMES REFER TO THE SAME INDIVIDUAL. SUGGEST DEPT/AFS INFORM IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK.

4. THIS HOPEFULLY COMPLETES WHAT HAS BECOME QUITE A SAGA OF 1974-75 WINTER PROGRAM STUDENTS FROM CYPRUS. IN SPITE OF COUP/ INVASION AND CONTINUING POLITICAL/MILITARY INSTABILITY, ALL NINE GREEK CYPRIOT AND FOUR TURKISH CYPRIOT AFSERS HAVE BEEN SENT ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR WAY WITH ASSISTANCE OF HIGHEST CYPRIOT, AMERICAN, AND UN

AUTHORITIES AND AID OF AFS OFFICES IN ISTANBUL AND ATHENS.
MAJOR CREDIT GOES TO USIS NICOSIA FSL FRIXOS YEROLEMOU AND DOGHAN
MEHMET FOR THEIR INITIATIVE, PERSISTANCE AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE 13 STUDENTS TO LEAVE CYPRUS IN
ENORMOUSLY DIFFICULT TIMES. WE ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATE FLEXIBILITY
AND UNDERSTANDING OF AFS NEW YORK AND PATIENCE OF AMERICAN HOST
FAMILIES. CRAWFORD

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